

Minutes
The City of Frederick
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Special Workshop

December 9, 2014
3:00 p.m.
City Hall Board Room

- I. Mayor McClement called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present were Aldermen Kelly Russel, Michael O'Connor, Joshua Bokee and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Alderman Philip Dacey arrived at 3:52 p.m.

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Item 1: Gabrielle Collard, Division Manager of Current Planning led the discussion of the Proposed Rezoning for 731 N. Market Street. Kristen McGowan and Arnold Farlow of The Frederick Rescue Mission provided additional information. Saundra Nickols, City Attorney clarified the types of conditions that can be placed on the property.

Public comments were received and e-mails were entered into the record.

Staff will provide additional information as requested and the Legal Department will draft language regarding conditions based on recommendations from the Board of Aldermen and this item will move to a public hearing on January 15, 2015.

Elected Officials' Comments:

Alderwoman Kuzemchak wanted to note that they have gotten a lot of e-mails and phone calls on the proposed rezoning, and asked that residents please understand that legally, the Aldermen cannot respond to certain questions.

Alderman O'Connor expressed his appreciation of the public participation in the process. He acknowledged the correspondence the elected officials have been receiving from so many people with such interest in the topic and that he appreciates the efforts.

Alderman Russell also acknowledged the number of e-mails that they have received. She also reminded the public that because this is a zoning decision, it is quasi-judicial and all conversations must occur in public. She also said that she appreciated the testimony and wanted the participants and viewers to know that all of the information is being received and taken seriously.

Mayor McClement responded to citizen inquiries about the time of the meeting in stating that 3:00 p.m. was the best time to accommodate staff, the Board of Aldermen, and as many residents as possible. He also said that the next public hearing on the matter will be at 7:00 p.m., and that he hoped that would accommodate more people.

This meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Malley
Recording Clerk